



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – 9

“TRAINING FOR REIGNING”

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IT IS OUR DESTINY AS CHRIST’S FOLLOWERS TO RULE THE EARTH WITH HIM FOREVER.

Dan. 7:18 *“But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.” (NLT)*

Rev. 22:3-5 *And they will rule as kings forever and ever. (NCV)*

CHRIST COMMANDED HIS FOLLOWERS TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM AND TO . . .

a. Baptize Those Who Believe.

Mark 16:15-16 *And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved” (NLT)*

b. Make Them Disciples of Christ.

Matt. 28:19-20 *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations . . . Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.” (NLT)*

WHY NEW BELIEVERS ARE BAPTIZED

1. Jesus was baptized at the beginning of His ministry.

Matt. 3:13-16 *Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John . . . After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. (NLT)*

2. Baptism is a sign that I am united to Christ and saved because of His:

Death - He set me free from the power of sin.

Burial - He forgave my past, sinful life.

Resurrection - He gave me a new life.

Rom. 6:4 *When we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. So, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the wonderful power of the Father, we also can live a new life. (NCV)*

3. Baptism represents my commitment to follow Jesus and serve His church.

Acts 2:41 *Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day – about 3,000 in all. (NLT)*

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

1. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO IS LEARNING TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST.

a. To Become Like Him in Character.

John 13:34-35 *“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (NCV)*

b. To Work Like Him in Ministry.

Luke 4:18-19 *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.” (NLT)*

c. To Depend Upon the Holy Spirit Like He Did.

Acts 10:38 *“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” (NASB)*

2. A DISCIPLE BECOMES PART OF GOD’S VISIBLE COMMUNITY.

a. For Teaching and Growth into Christian Maturity.

Eph. 4:11-16 *This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. (NLT)*

b. For Corporate Worship and Fellowship.

Acts 2:42 *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. (NLT)*

c. For Ministry of Spiritual Gifts.

1 Cor. 12:7, 11-12 *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other . . . It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. (NLT)*

3. A DISCIPLE LEARNS TO LIVE OUT GOD’S KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH NOW.

a. I Learn to Live Out God’s Kingdom Values.

Rom. 12:2 *Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (NLT)*

b. I Learn to Make God’s Kingdom My Priority.

Matt. 6:31-33 *“The thing you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.” (NCV)*

c. I Learn to Love Jesus Above All Relationships.

Luke 14:26-27 *“If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.” (NLT)*

d. I Learn to Love Jesus above Everything I Possess.

Matt. 16:24-26 *“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?” (NLT)*

4. A DISCIPLE LONGS FOR CHRIST’S RETURN.

a. Christ Promised to Be with Me Always.

John 14:1-3 *“I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me.” (NLT)*

b. Christ Promised to Give Me a New Body.

1 Cor. 15:50-55 *For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. (NLT)*

c. Christ Promised to Give Me a New Home.

Rev. 21:1-4 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . . God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people.” (NLT)*



Key-9: MOVE TOWARD MY ROYAL DESTINY.